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**Aims of Study:** To determine the positive or negative impact of transvaginal continence surgery on the sexual function of women.

**Methods:** One hundred and twenty-six women who have undergone transvaginal continence procedures from 1996 through 1998 at our institution were asked to complete a validated self-report sexual history measure, The Sexual History Form. Results were then compared to age-matched control subjects recruited from an outpatient clinic serving the same patient population.

**Results:** We now report preliminary results indicating that transvaginal surgery does not impact global sexual function. Further, reports of vaginal dryness or pain during intercourse were not increased following transvaginal surgery, but rather are more prevalent in women with a history of tobacco use and/or low estrogen state.

**Conclusions:** Transvaginal continence surgery does not increase the risk of sexual dysfunction in women.

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